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WILL HAMMETT GET THERE

SOME OF HIS FORMER BACKERS
NOW HIS ENEMIES.

Mr. Crane Writes a Letter to the Commissioners Withdrawing His Support, While Dr. Hughes Thinks the New Health Officer is All Right.

The air yesterday was full of rumors concerning new developments in the Health Office tangle. Among the stories floating around in the murky atmosphere was one to the effect that one of the gentlemen who had been promised a job under Dr. Hammett, the new Health Officer, but who had been turned down had written a letter to the District Commissioners making a complete exposé of the alleged conspiracy against Dr. Townsend. It was also rumored that the Commissioners had agreed to investigate the charges and if found true that they would refuse to give Dr. Hammett his commission.

The name of the gentleman who had been turned down by Dr. Hammett and who had been offered the chief clerkship as a reward for services rendered the Doctor in securing the appointment is the familiar one of John H. Crane.

A representative of the *HERALD* called on Mr. Crane last night, but found the gentleman rather indisposed to talk. After some questioning Mr. Crane admitted that he had written a letter to Commissioner Robert on Friday requesting the withdrawal of a previous letter which he had written the Commissioners urging the appointment of Dr. Hammett.

"What prompted you to write your last letter?" he was asked.

"Because Dr. Hammett failed to keep his promise to me."

"In what way did he not keep his promise with you, Mr. Crane?"

"Why, he promised to appoint me chief clerk, and with that understanding and at Dr. Hammett's own solicitation I wrote a letter to Commissioner Robert urging his appointment. This promise was made in the presence of Dr. Hughes. I never solicited the chief clerkship, but instead, rather hesitated about accepting it. Dr. Hammett insisted that I take it for six months, or until Mr. Bailey had sufficiently recovered from his illness to take it."

"Who is Mr. Bailey?" he was asked.

"He is a clerk in the Census Office, and understood is the prospective son-in-law of Dr. Hammett."

"What did you say in your last letter to Commissioner Robert?"

"Well, I cannot remember all I said, but among other things I stated that I did not consider a man fit to occupy such a high and important office who went back on his promises. He not only failed to keep his promise to me but to Commissioner Douglass."

"What did he promise Commissioner Douglass?"

"Before Dr. Hammett had been elected, Commissioner Douglass asked him if he would appoint a Republican to one of the sanitary inspectorships if he (Douglass) would vote for him. Hammett said he would, and asked him to name the man he wanted appointed. The Commissioner named Dr. Hughes, and Dr. Hammett said, 'Hughes shall have the appointment.' Dr. Hammett also promised Dr. Douglass the inspectorship of small pox and scarlet fever if he would turn in and help knock out Dr. Townsend. After considerable persuasion Dr. Douglass agreed to work for Hammett and several meetings were held at different places at which Drs. Hammett, Douglass, Hughes, and myself were present. On last Monday night Dr. Hammett and myself called at the office of Dr. Douglass and after talking some time Hammett and Douglass went into the latter's back office and had a secret conference. Douglass told me afterward that Hammett had told him that he could not give him the office he had promised him, but instead would get him something more lucrative."

"What did he propose to give Douglass?"

"Dr. Hammett said he could get him the editorship of the *National Democrat*, now suspended; that it would be much more lucrative financially; besides it would place in his hands a club which he could use effectively upon the Administration. Dr. Douglass, upon investigation, learned there was nothing in the editorship of the paper, and he is now hopping mad at Hammett. He told me and several other friends that Hammett had deliberately lied to him."

The *SUNDAY HERALD*'s representative next called at the residence of Dr. Douglass, but he was not at home.

Dr. Hughes was next visited. He was found at his home on H street northeast, where he received the writer quite cordially, but he was inclined to shy at leading questions. After some moments of deep thought, and with a great deal of hesitation, Dr. Hughes unhesitatingly himself to the extent of saying that he thought Dr. Hammett had the fight won, and would be able to pull through the breakers if the town line didn't break. He preferred not to talk "just now." Having been promised a job under Hammett, he believed that "silence at this time was the better part of valor." Dr. Hughes, when questioned closely, admitted that he had been offered an inspectorship worth about \$3,200. He also admitted he had had a knife up his sleeve for Dr. Townsend for some time, and had also used it upon several occasions during the recent squabble.

From his conversation the *HERALD*'s representative learned that during the past few months he had made several calls on the Commissioners in the interest of somebody (probably himself), or rather against Dr. Townsend. One day, while talking to Commissioner Ross about the removal of Townsend, the Commissioner suggested that he (Hughes) prefer charges against the Health Officer; that that would be the only fair way to fight him, and that if the charges, as alleged, were found to be true, there would be no trouble in having him removed. Dr. Hughes said that Commissioner Ross told him that he would not allow any personal consideration he had for Townsend to stand in the way of performing his public duty.

Altogether Dr. Hughes was pretty well

satisfied with his chances of getting a job under the new Health Officer, and for that reason didn't care to talk for publication "just now," or until the matter was settled definitely.

ALMOST A RIOT.

Illinois Republicans Raise Another Rump About Indorsing Mr. Springer.

The Illinois Republican Association held a meeting last night at Golden Eagle Hall, Fifth and G streets northwest, to consider resolutions offered some time ago indorsing Representative Springer for Speaker of the next House. Ever since the resolution was introduced the members of the Association have been boiling over with indignation, and last night when they met they were primed. The chair was occupied by Mr. D. A. Ray, while Mr. O. J. Ricketts was secretary. The meeting was stormy. The opposition to the Springer indorsement seemed overwhelming, and was led by Major Alden and a man named Utterly. They offered resolutions in which Mr. Springer was designated as a hyena, an illiterate man, and the meanest man that ever represented Illinois. The conservative element combatted this as undignified and unfit to come from gentlemen, and introduced as many parliamentary motions as they could possibly offer. One huge colored man, with a voice like a saw-mill, wanted the meeting to indorse "Tom" Reed, the greatest Republican of the times, but his diatribe fell on the meeting very flat. There were several ladies in the meeting, and they entered into the affair with all the spirit of intense partisans. Speeches were made by Major Alden, Judge Ross, Mr. Utterly, and others, and at times the men lost all self-respect and used personalities of the worst character. An old veteran on a crutch and a dapper little fellow named Starke had an altercation, and the old vet. raised his crutch to hit him, but friends intervened. The wrangle continued until midnight, and ended in a general swamp of the belligerents, as Chairman Ray adjourned the meeting without putting the question. The Secretary, Mr. Ricketts, kindly gave *THE HERALD* the resolutions, and as he was leaving the hall he was stopped by the crowd who were eager to "scalp" Springer who demanded the return of the resolutions. There were forty stalwart Illinoisans, and the *HERALD* man was only one little 130-pounder. So it is hardly necessary to say the resolutions were surrendered unconditionally.

SHOT BY A TROOPER.

A Colored Cook Wounded in an Altercation Near Winchester.

A colored man named Rodney Garrison was brought into the city last night on the Winchester train suffering with a bullet wound in his head. He was carried to the Freedman's Hospital. Garrison was with the cavalry company that left Washington on the trip through Maryland and Virginia and was employed as a cook. It is said that while near Winchester he became abusive to one of the troopers and in the altercation that followed he was shot in the head. The ball entered above the left eye and glanced upward, making a mean-looking scalp wound. He refused to tell who shot him, and no further information could be gleaned at the hospital.

NO VERDICT YET.

The Elliott Jury Causes Anxiety by its Failure to Return a Verdict.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 25.—There is no verdict yet in the Elliott trial. The jury has taken a recess till Monday morning, when consideration of the case will be resumed. After being in session since Thursday noon the jury to-day asked the court for the evidence bearing upon the point as to who fired the first shot in the tragedy. As the testimony on this point is of such a voluminous character the court was obliged to order a recess in order that he might have time to refresh his memory on the testimony desired. There is a growing anxiety over the failure of the jury to return a verdict. There is no reliable information as to the standing of the jury, though it is understood that they are ten for murder in the first degree and two for murder in the second degree.

Hearty Welcome to Mr. Cleveland.

SANDWICH, MASS., July 25.—Not since the centennial of this old town, two years ago, has Sandwich been so full of enthusiasm as to-day, when she extended a cordial welcome to ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has chosen Cape Cod as his place of residence during the summer months. The demonstration was not confined to the local bounds of Sandwich and Bourne, but to all Cape Cod, whose residents, irrespective of politics and summer visitors, united in the welcome.

Serious Charge Against a Girl.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—Ida Reed, aged sixteen years, was arrested to-day charged with having caused the death of an infant to which she gave birth this morning. Frank Cornwell, the fourteen-year-old son of a former employer, was arrested, the girl stating that he was the father of the child. Both were held to await the action of the coroner.

The Overdue Tea Ship.

TACOMA, WASH., July 25.—The overdue tea ship, Guy C. Goss, arrived in port last night with 30,288 packages of tea, valued at \$450,000. The Goss is the first tea ship to enter the Tacoma custom-house, previous tea ships having entered at Port Townsend. The tea is being assorted in the tea warehouse, and will comprise eight or nine special fast freight trains to Chicago and New York, the tea going East in bond.

Found Hanging to a Tree.

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 25.—At Franklin, Ky., this morning, John Grainger, a negro, was found hanging to a tree. A few days before he had a difficulty with Bell Wilt, a white man, and made threats against other white residents. Last night he was lynched by a small mob.

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE.

ANOTHER AWFUL WRECK AND DISASTER IN OHIO.

Picnic Excursionists Dashed to Eternity—Seven Killed and Twenty Other Men, Women and Children Wounded in a Railway Smash-up.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 25.—News has just been received at this office by telephone from Hamilton of a collision of trains at Middletown, attended by serious loss of life. The circumstances are the following:

The Dayton Cash Register Company to-day gave their employees and friends of their employes a picnic excursion to Woodsdale Island, a popular resort on the Great Miami River about four miles from Dayton. The excursionists went by railway train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road. The excursionists filled all the cars on a very large train and spent the day at Woodsdale. They were mostly young people, composed of about equal numbers of men and women with a few children. It was after 9 o'clock to-night when the long train with its load of happy occupants started to return to Dayton. It was a little after 10 when the train stopped at Middletown to let off excursionists who stopped there. This was twenty miles south of Dayton. While the passenger train was standing there a freight, at a high rate of speed ran into the rear end of it. Three cars full of people were overturned and wrecked. Seven corpses are lying at the depot at Middletown, and twenty wounded people, many of them fatally hurt, are cared for at Carlisle, which is nearer the railway station than Middletown. The names of the killed and wounded are not obtainable at present.

DAYTON, July 26.—1 A. M.—The excursion train broke a draw bar while pulling onto a siding and in the delay of recoupling a freight train came along and running into the next rear coach caused an awful wreck and disaster. The car was packed full of people and dead and crippled humans. Some parties who were on the train came home at midnight by the Big Four express and they say that five or seven were killed. Scores of others had their legs or arms broken or otherwise horribly injured. News of the disaster spread over the city like wild fire and the depot at this hour is filled with anxious families whose relatives are on this unfortunate train. The city ambulances and patrol wagons have all been ordered to the depot to transport the injured to the hospital or to their homes.

FALL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Canadian Politicians Predict it is Certain to Occur Shortly.

MONTREAL, QUE., July 25.—Rumors in circulation here indicate that the fall of the Government is considered certain shortly. It is confidently stated by several well-informed politicians that Mr. Chapleau has approached Mr. Laurier and offered to form a coalition government with him, and that Mr. Laurier has written conditions of the proposition in his pocket, of which the main feature is that Mr. Laurier shall make his own selection, but give Mr. Chapleau the portfolio of railways.

Thousands of Active Volcanoes.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., July 25.—The *San Diego* to-day publishes a descriptive account by Colonel I. K. Allen, the well-known engineer, of a phenomenon in what is known as the volcanic region of the Cocapah Mountains, situated sixty-five miles southwest of Yuma, in lower California. Colonel Allen says there are over 3,000 active volcanoes there, one-half of which are small cones ten or twelve feet at the base, the remaining half five to forty feet at the base and fifteen to twenty-five feet in height. The whole volcanic region is incrustated with sulphur. One peculiar feature of the region is a lake of water jet black, which is a quarter of a mile in length and one-eighth of a mile in width, seemingly bottomless. The water is hot and salty.

The President in the Surf.

CAPE MAY POINT, N. J., July 25.—Before going to work upon his mail this morning the President, in company with Secretary Halford, Mrs. Dimmick, and Mrs. Sanger, took a bath in the ocean. A number of appointments were announced to-day. Postmaster General Wanamaker arrived here this evening. A committee of citizens of Mobile, Ala., arrived here to-night, and on Monday will call, with the Postmaster General, on President Harrison in the interest of the establishment of a subsidy mail line from Mobile to Cuba and South American ports.

Cattlemen Criticize Uncle Jerry.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 25.—Cattlemen here are indignant and complain bitterly that, notwithstanding Secretary Rusk announces that there is no quarantine against Tennessee cattle, still cattle from this section are rigidly excluded from the Northern markets, except for immediate slaughter. Vigorous measures are being adopted to secure a correction at once of the injustice being done Tennessee farmers and dealers in live stock.

Trenton and Vandalia Wreckage.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The bark Helen W. Almy arrived to-day from Samoa with a cargo of wreckage from the U. S. S. Trenton and Vandalia which were lost in the harbor of Apia two years ago. A written decision of the board of general appraisers which obliges the consignees to pay duty on the wreckage arrived from New York this morning.

Won the Championship of the World. BERLIN, July 25.—The wrestler, Carl Abs, to-day defeated Tom Cannon, the American wrestler, for the championship of the world.

SENATOR QUAY WILL RESIGN.

Authoritative Statement From His Friends in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 25.—The *Record* will publish to-morrow an authoritative statement from Magistrate South, of this city, and other close friends of Senator Quay, that he will resign from his position as United States Senator when Congress meets.

HINTS FOR A FUTURE WAR.

Relations Between France and Russia—Insults and Quarrels. Copyrighted by Associated Press.

BERLIN, July 25.—A leading German paper holds that the importance of the reception tendered to the French fleet by the Russian Government has been exaggerated. The paper further says that although the matter will exercise a tangible influence on the relations existing between France and Russia, a permanent friendship of the Latin and Slavonic races is impossible.

The *National Zeitung* also urges that a genuine brotherhood of Frenchmen and Russians is unattainable, holding that Russia is uncivilized and that France has "few points of sympathy with barbaric Russia."

The French squadron celebrations in Russia have been made an occasion for some German apophoreas, belonging to a yacht club in St. Petersburg, to insult and quarrel with the German members because they refused to participate in the reception to the French naval officers. Russian members of the club opened a subscription to cover the expenses of a semi-public banquet to be given in honor of the Frenchmen, an excursion to Cronstadt and a solace, and the committee having the matter in charge insisted that every member of the club should contribute funds for these festivities. In consequence the club quarters have been the scene of several verbal encounters which are probably the preludes to a series of dueling challenges.

Semi-official newspapers here publish accounts of the fetes with which the Russians have welcomed the Frenchmen, but do not comment on them. The press generally discusses the political bearings of the affair without acrimony.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* says: "The German Navy, whose main duty is the defense of the coast, is relieved of a great probable cause of anxiety, and having obtained assurance of this great strategic advantage, Germany can leave the French and Russians to gush over their theatrical fraternizations."

NEWS FROM BERING SEA.

Warning Given by the Thetis Obeyed by British Sealers.

CAPE MAY POINT, N. J., July 25.—The President has been advised by the State Department that information has been received from United States Consul Myers at Victoria, British Columbia, that the revenue cutter *Thetis* is actively carrying out in the Bering Sea, the provisions of the recent *modus vivendi* with Great Britain. According to the information received by the State Department the *Thetis* has warned a number of British sealing schooners that the *modus vivendi* between the United States and Great Britain is now in force and vessels violating it are subject to seizure. Consul Myers further states that schooners which have been warned are returning from the sealing grounds, and that the captain of one of them stated that he believed most of the schooners would obey the notification served upon them by the *Thetis*.

GERMANY AT THE FAIR.

Official Work to be Energetically Pushed Forward.

BERLIN, July 25.—The traders of the Empire have been officially asked as to the nature of the exhibits which they are preparing for the Chicago Fair. Only a few replies, however, have as yet been obtained. It is rather premature to expect copious responses. Commissioner Wernuth intends to take a holiday pending the appearance here of the American Commissioners, when the official work connected with the Fair will be energetically pushed forward.

United States Consul General Edwards still awaits replies from the United States Consuls in Germany in regard to the progress of matters connected with the fair in their respective provinces.

Minister Phelps All Right.

BERLIN, July 25.—United States Minister Phelps is in receipt of numerous telegrams from America pointing out the fact of the free circulation of false stories regarding a second operation which is said to have been performed on him. The Associated Press correspondent called upon Mr. Phelps in regard to those reports and telegraphs the result of his visit thus: "I saw him at his desk in the Legation to-day and he looked the picture of health. His physicians, Drs. Bergmann and Lahar, say that he needs a few weeks' rest at Homburg, noted for its mineral springs; but he will not leave his post until the Chicago Fair Commissioners arrive in this city."

Deadly Duel Between Cowboys.

OMAHA, NEB., July 25.—A special dispatch to the *See* from Winslow, Neb., says: "William McKenzie, a prominent cattle man and 'Texas' Croquet, a cowboy, fought with knives as the result of a quarrel over a wager. Croquet was fatally wounded and McKenzie seriously cut."

A SCARE IN PARIS.

RUMORS OF AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE SENATE MME. CARNOT.

Intense Excitement Over the Reports—Investigation Shows the Attempt Was Made on the Wife of Minister Constans.

PARIS, July 25.—It became known to-day that an attempt had been made to assassinate Madame Carnot, wife of the president of the Republic. It was at first reported that an infernal machine had been exploded in Madame Carnot's apartments at the Elysee Palace. Some people said that she was killed; others had it that she was severely wounded. Owing to the red tape, police and military system which prevails in this country it is almost impossible to get at the real facts in a case like this. The police and military authorities, however, do not attempt to deny that Madame Carnot's life had been attempted, but they claim that in the interest of justice it is advisable to say as little as possible about the matter at present.

From other sources, however, it has become known that the attempt to assassinate Madame Carnot was undoubtedly made by means of an infernal machine of some description, and it also seems settled that the President's wife was not injured by the explosion, even if an explosion took place.

LATER.—It has now become generally known that the attempt upon Mme. Carnot was made in about the following manner: Mme. Carnot had received a package addressed to her from Toulon and apparently containing an oblong box. The wrapping paper around the supposed box was taken off and the package was found to consist of a good sized missal or Roman Catholic mass book. At first sight it was a neat present to send to the wife of the President. Upon more careful examination it was found that the leaves of the missal to outward appearance had been stuck together with varnish or musilage. This caused a still more careful examination of the mysterious missal, and upon being opened with the greatest of care it was found that the interior of the book had been cut away in the manner some times adopted by smugglers who desire to send articles free of duty through the mails and who place them in a hollowed-out book for that purpose. But instead of containing valuables which were being surreptitiously sent through the mails it was found that the interior of the missal sent to Mme. Carnot contained a powerful fulminate powder.

No clue, according to the police, has been found to the sender of this infernal machine, though the postoffice authorities of Toulon acting in conjunction with the Parisian police and with the police of Toulon, are said to be on the track of the perpetrator or perpetrators of this outrage.

No reason seems to have been found for this attempt upon the life of Mme. Carnot, and so the conclusion arrived at is the would-be assassins really intended to take the life of the President, and supposed that a package addressed to Mme. Carnot would be carelessly opened by the President, while a package addressed to him might be carefully opened by his attendants. Of course these are only theories, the actual facts known being few in number.

The report of the attempted assassination of Mme. Carnot is the talk of Paris, and has caused considerable indignation. There are people of course who link this alleged attempt upon the President's life with the recent defeats of the French Government in the Chamber of Deputies, with the Boulanger agitators and with the Alsace-Lorraine passport regulations debate and other similar matters. But it would not be surprising if the whole matter should turn out to be the work of a dangerous lunatic.

The Inside Facts.

LATER.—The report which prevailed in this city to-day to the effect that an attempt had been made to assassinate Madame Carnot, the wife of the President, by means of an infernal machine, was utterly incorrect in that the attempt was not made on the life of Madame Carnot, but of the wife of a prominent member of the French Cabinet. The affair was involved in so much secrecy that the true state of affairs was not learned until a long time after the fact that an infernal machine had been received, was made public. It now appears that the lady who received the package is Madame Constans, the wife of M. Constans, Minister of the Interior.

An analysis of the powder which was found in the hollowed-out portion of the book received by Madame Constans proves that it is fulminate of mercury, a highly explosive compound.

Presidential Appointments.

CAPE MAY POINT, N. J., July 25.—The postmasters in the following postoffices made Presidential July 1, 1891, have been continued by the President: James H. Weaver, Mount City, Ill.; Jeremiah E. Hosior, Berkeley, Va.; and John E. Robinson, Vineyard Haven, Mass. The President has also appointed the following postmasters: New York, John W. Howson, vice W. A. Crandell, deceased; Cazenovia, California, Frederick P. Weinman, vice William H. Foreman, commission expired February 14, 1891; Benecia, Henry E. Nicholas, lieutenant commander in the United States Navy, has been promoted to be commander.

All Quiet in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 25.—A Knoxville special says: Governor and convicts arrived at Coal Creek safely. Miners ratify action of committee and all are at work to-day with no demonstrations whatever so far.

The Weather.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, light showers; slightly cooler; northwest winds.

Thermometer readings yesterday: 8 a. m., 76; 3 p. m., 75; mean temperature, 76; maximum temperature, 87; minimum temperature, 65; mean relative humidity, 66; Total precipitation, .35 inches.